

THE REALM ETERNAL LIES IN RUINS. ASGARD HAS FALLEN
ON EARTH. DARKNESS DESCENDS.

AS THE WORLD EATERS SLAUGHTERED THEIR WAY ACROSS
THE NINE WORLDS, ONE WORD WAS DISTINCT IN THEIR
TWISTED TONGUE: ASGARD. REFUGEES OF THE REALMS
HAVE FLED TO MIDGARD—EARTH—IN DROVES, SEEKING
THE PROTECTION OF NORSE GODS THAT CANNOT EVEN
PROTECT THEMSELVES.

QUANTUM COSMOLOGIST DR. ERIC SOLVANG HAS
WARNED THE ASGARDIANS OF THEIR IMPENDING DOOM.
AND EVEN THOUGH THEIR CITY IS RUBBLE AND THEIR
BATTLEMENTS HAVE CRUMBLLED, THEY WILL FIGHT FOR
THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD TREE.

AND IF THEY DIE, THEY WILL DIE HEROES.
AGAINST HIS BETTER JUDGMENT, AND CONDEMNED FOR
IT, THOR HAS RESURRECTED THE TRAITOR LOKI, BY
WHOSE HAND ASGARD IS FALLEN. NOW, WITH ASGARD SO
ILL-PREPARED FOR BATTLE, THOR HAS RESURRECTED
ANOTHER...

BY SMASHING THE CASKET OF ODIN, HE FREES THE
ALL-FATHER FROM HIS ETERNAL SLEEP IN LIMBO.

AGAINST HIS WILL AND EXPRESS WISHES... ODIN HAS
RETURNED.

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IT WAS THE TIME BEFORE TIME.

IN THE DYING DAYS OF THE LONG-NOW THAT ENDED WITH THE BIRTH OF EVERYTHING.



BOR...MY FATHER, AND THE FATHER OF ALL YOUR FATHERS...FOUND A CRACK IN THE WORLD.

WITH MY BROTHERS VILI AND VE,I WENT TO STUDY THE THING.



THERE WAS LIGHT WITHOUT HEAT.

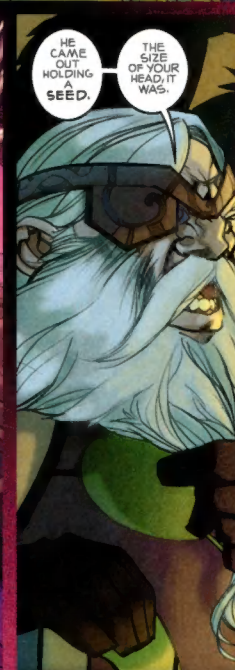
THERE WAS A SOUND MORE LIKE A FEELING THAN A NOISE.

TIME BEGAN TO BOIL AROUND THE EDGES.



HAPP PADDYNY

VAA TADAVZH



HE CAME OUT HOLDING A SEED.

THE SIZE OF YOUR HEAD,IT WAS.

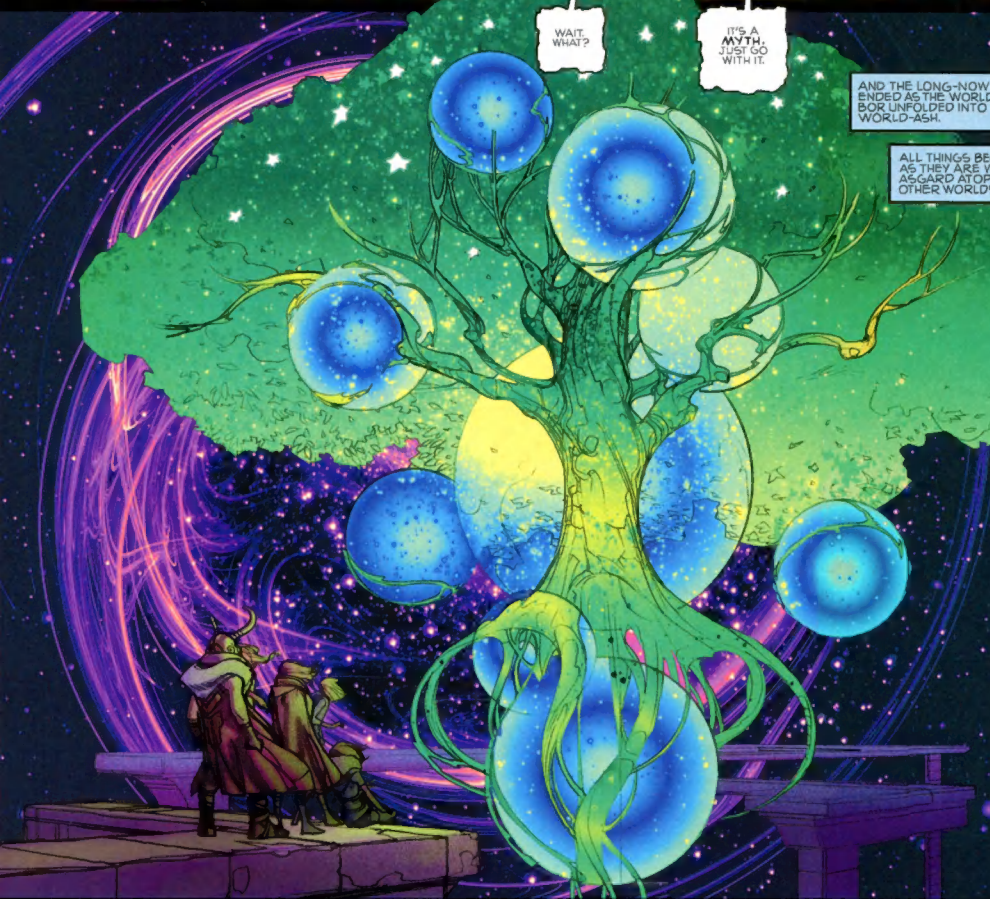


HE DID WHAT ANY MAN DOES WITH A SEED.

HE PLANTED IT.



AND FROM THAT SEED GREW A TREE OF LIGHT.



WAIT... WHAT?

IT'S A MYTH. JUST GO WITH IT.

AND THE LONG-NOW ENDED AS THE WORLD OF BORK UNFOLDED INTO THE WORLD-ASH.

ALL THINGS BECAME AS THEY ARE WITH ASGARD ATOP EIGHT OTHER WORLDS.



BUT LIGHT THAT BRIGHT MY DARLINGS...

LIGHT THAT BRIGHT ALWAYS CASTS A SHADOW.



LIKE MOTHS TO A FLAME, CHILDREN, WE SAW THEIR SHADOWS FLIT ACROSS THE FACE OF REALITY.

HE KNEW. ALL THIS TIME, HE KNEW--

AND ASGARD IS THE BRIGHTEST FLAME OF ALL. NOW COULD IT NOT ATTRACT DARKNESS? THE QUESTION WAS NOT IF, BUT WHEN.

BUT--

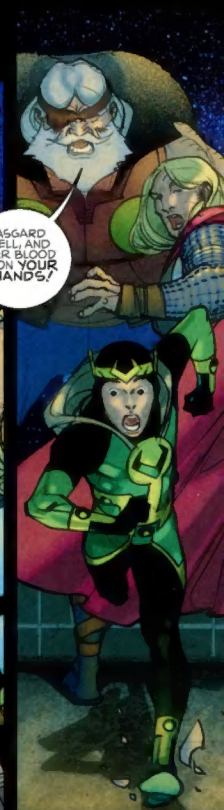
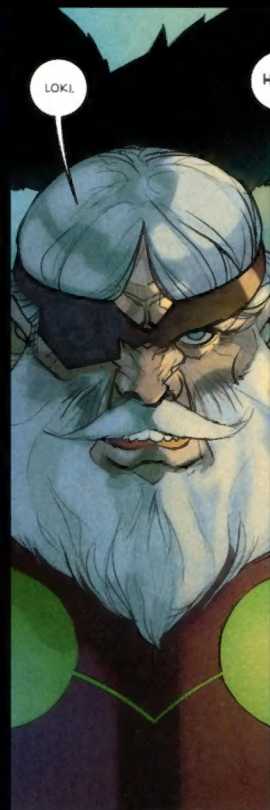
--BUT WE'RE HERE.

AREN'T WE--HAVE WE NOT LEFT ASGARD?

THE SHINING CITY WAS BROUGHT HERE, AND HERE IT FELL, AND IN ITS PLACE NOW IS NOTHING.

SO LET THEM HAVE IT. WHY NOT LET THEM HAVE NOTHING? LET THEM BE THE KINGS OF NOTHING.







YOU STUPID... USELESS OLD MAN.

HE'S A CHILD. HE'S VERY MUCH THE BOY YOU RAISED, AND--

SHUT UP.

TOLD YOU I WANTED PEACE. DID I NOT?

TOLD YOU TO LEAVE ME IN MY SLEEP...MY RETIREMENT.

AND YOU! DIDN'T LISTEN!

YOU HAD IT ALL! YOU WON, THOR--YOU HAD EVERYTHING!

EVERYTHING I EVER WANTED AND COULD NEVER HAVE--YOU HAD IT!

AND BEST OF ALL! NO ME--NO LOKI!--FREE OF LIES AND EONS OF SUFFERING...

BUT YOU COULDN'T STAND THE QUIET.

COULD YOU? BOY.

AH... MY... AHH... LORDS?







I DIDN'T--

--COME OVER HERE--

--I DON'T--

--YOU STEALING MY CAR? YOU PEOPLE ARE VERITABLE GODS--

--AND YOU STILL NEED TO STEAL MY CAR?

HUH? WHAT?

--ACTUAL GODS, ERIK--

YOU THINK SOME BUMPKINS BURN SOME DAMN PIG FOR YOU EVERY COUPLE SUNDAYS, YOU GET TO COME DOWN HERE AND STEAL OUR CARS--

DOCTOR SOLVANG, GET BACK--

YOU DON'T KNOW WHO YOU'RE DEALING WITH--



IRON MAN, STAY YOUR HAND.

THOR--

IRON MAN,

YOU BROUGHT--

I DID.



OF ALL THE PEOPLE--

WE ARE NOT PEOPLE.

--YOU BROUGHT LOKI BACK--

I DID.

AND THAT IS ALL THERE IS TO SAY ABOUT MY LITTLE BROTHER.



SORRY ABOUT THE CAR.

YOU NEED TO LISTEN TO THIS MAN, THOR.

I'M VOUCHING FOR HIM, AND I'M TELLING YOU--





I KNOW.

WE KNOW.

ASGARD--
ALL OF US
OF ASGARD
KNOW.

ODIN, IT
SEEMS, KNOWS
MORE ABOUT
THE CELESTIAL
CLOCKWORK
THAN HE'D EVER
SHARED WITH
ANYONE.

ODIN KNOWS
OF DARK THINGS
CONSPIRING BEYOND
THE VEIL OF SPACE-
TIME ITSELF... STARVED
UNIVERSES SCRATCHING
AT THE DOORS OF
OUR OWN.

AND NOW
THEY'VE CLAWED
THEIR WAY INSIDE.
AND NOW THEY
FEAST.

THOR...

THOUGHTS
LIKE THAT...
THEY'RE JUST
TOO BIG.
WHAT DOES--
HOW--

WHAT
CAN BE
DONE?

SOMEONE
IS, AS IS SAID,
COMING TO
TOWN. ALL WE
CAN DO IS
PREPARE AND
BE BRAVE.

THOR, IS THIS
A PLANETARY
EVACUATION?
DO WE NEED THE
AVENGERS, OR--

THE WORLD
TREE. WHAT
ABOUT THE
WORLD
TREE?

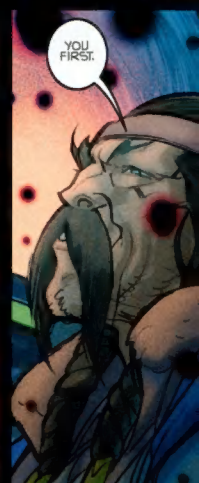
CLOSE
THE EINSTEIN-
ROSEN BRIDGE.
CHOP THE WORLD
TREE APART AT
THE ROOT. YOU'RE
GODS. SHE'S
RIGHT. THINK
BIG.

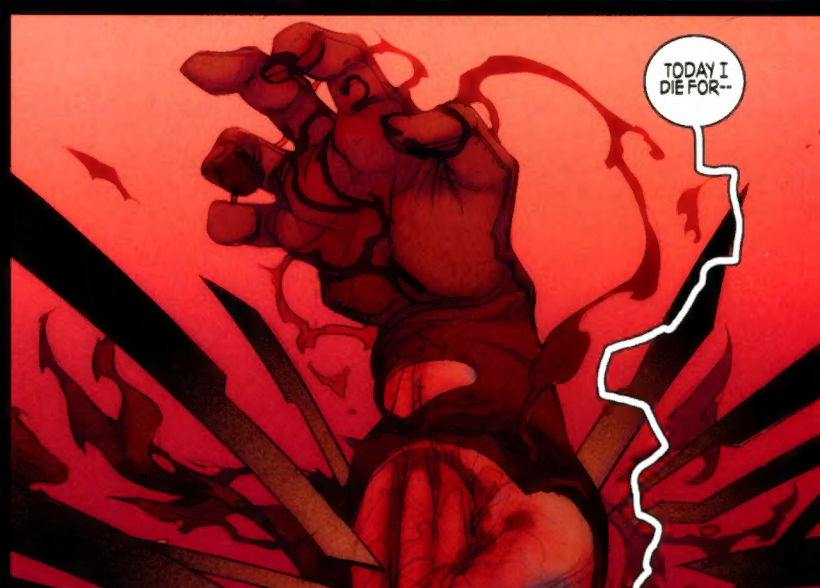
DON'T BE
STUPID.

AH,
JANE.
GOOD
JANE.

JANE...

...BLAKE
SAYS
"RUN."







GGRR
RRRA
AAHH--!



BOW DOWN
BEFORE THE
KING OF
AGGARD,
ABOMINA-
TION--



I SAID
"BOW!"



CHILD'S
PLAY!



THE
TYRANT
PRINCE
OF ANO-
ATHOX HAS
FALLEN!



DIE
FOR
UTHANA
THOTH!



DIE
FOR
THANE!

DIE
FOR
NOTHING!



!!!



WE HAVE MORE.

WE ALWAYS HAVE MORE HAFEX TO THROW.



RESPECT THIS, FEX. WHAT THESE TWO WERE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH, ALONE, ORGANIZED AND ENRAGED.

RESPECT WHAT THAT MEANS FOR OUR FINAL STOP BEFORE PARADISE IS OURS.

LOOK AT THEIR BODIES. SWARMS OF LIGHT...



LOOK AT WHAT THESE MONSTERS DID TO OUR BEAUTIFUL BOY.

THEY WILL PAY. THEY WILL RELINQUISH THEIR HOMES IN SPACE TIME ITSELF AND RENDER IT UNTO US.

NOW, FROM THE SUPERDENSE HEART OF A DYING UNIVERSE... AND WITH THE BLOOD OF YOUR OWN ON OUR BLADES...

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